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CROSS-PIN GRAFT FIXATION
INSTRUMENTS AND METHOD

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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated May 16, 2006.

REMARKS

The Examiner has identified two separate Invention Groups I and II of the claimed invention.

In order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants hereby elect, without prejudice, Invention Group I for prosecution on the merits, corresponding to Figures 23 and 24 and claims 1-11.

The Examiner identified five species as corresponding to various ones of Figures 1-8. However, Applicants believe this species is better represented by Figures 23-24.

Claims 12-14 are hereby withdrawn subject to Applicants' right to file a divisional application at a later date.